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Mulcair says NDP will gain ground in Saskatchewan

Election talk. Urban electoral boundaries will help his party in the province, Opposition leader says during stop in Saskatoon

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Federal Opposition Leader Thomas Mulcair says recent changes to Saskatchewan's electoral boundaries will help the New Democratic Party when Canadians go to the polls next year.

In Saskatoon ahead of the Saskatchewan NDP convention in Moose Jaw, Mulcair told reporters on Thursday that he's confident his party will gain ground in the province.

"It will allow us to get back to a situation that's much more normal," Mulcair said outside Bus Stop Refreshments.

"We're getting well over 30 per cent of the vote, but none of the seats — so that will be changed in the next election because of the redrawing."

Last August, Saskatchewan saw its federal boundaries change in parts of the province.

The biggest changes occurred in Saskatoon and Regina where hybrid ridings that had included urban and rural populations became strictly urban.

"We've got a very long history here in the province, very deep roots," the leader added.

"We've got tremendous candidates that are coming forward and we're going to be calling the nomination meetings very soon."

Mulcair spoke highly of provincial NDP Leader Cam Broten, calling him "the future of Saskatchewan politics."

When asked whether he will choose any NDP candidates in Saskatchewan, Mulcair said he will leave that to provincial members.

"We're the New Democratic Party," he said. "I don't impose my views on who the candidates should be.

"Our members decide who their candidates are."

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Federal Opposition Leader Thomas Mulcair

Federal NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair speaks to reporters outside Bus Stop Refreshments at the intersection of Spadina Crescent East and 21st Street East in Saskatoon on Thursday. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

St. Mary's Villa

No repairs for senior home

The Saskatoon Health Region is putting renovations on hold at St. Mary's Villa, where a wing was closed in 2012 due to structural problems.

The region's vice-president of finance says the cost of renovations is too high.

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Murder trial

Judge to consider confession

A Saskatoon judge says he will consider a confession a murder suspect made to police.

Court of Queen's Bench Justice Gerald Albright ruled that Douglas Hales talked to officers voluntarily.

Hales has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder in the 2004 death of Daleen Bosse. His trial has heard that after his arrest in 2008, Hales told police the woman died in his car of alcohol poisoning and he panicked and burned her body.

He then changed his story and confessed to strangling Bosse because she laughed at him when he couldn't perform sexually.

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Investigation

Police ID homicide victim

Saskatoon police have identified the victim of the city's third homicide of the year, but won't release the name of the 55-year-old woman at the request of her family.

An autopsy was performed on Wednesday and found the woman died of injuries consistent with violence, though police have not specified the cause of death.

The woman's body was found outside the Caswell Manor apartments early Tuesday morning after police were called to a report of gunshots in the area around midnight.

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Saskatoon police shows off its new headquarters

'Police specific facility.' New building will centralize force's 650 employees; move date set for June 17 2014

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Deputy police chief of operations Bernie Pannell presents the new police headquarters' communication centre during a media tour of the facility on Thursday. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Saskatoon media were given their first glimpse into the city's new police headquarters on Thursday and officials say the new station will better prepare the force for the present and for the future.

With improved design, security and technology, police hope the, 390,000 square foot headquarters, which cost roughly $122 million from design to completion, will make for more effective policing while helping to build better relationships with Saskatoon residents.

"Operationally, it's like night and day," said Staff Sgt. Susan Grant, project liaison.

Equipped with an indoor firing range, new forensic identification laboratories and a larger detention centre, she says the space will serve the SPS well for decades to come.

"We wanted to make sure that as we grow in the next 50 years, we're going to be able to utilize this building to its abilities," she said.

With the current police headquarters constructed in 1977 and built to house only 300 employees, the old headquarters has become ill equipped, both in space and in technology, to handle the types of cases the SPS are dealing with.

Deputy chief of operations, Bernie Pannell, said the new station is helping Saskatoon become a leader when it comes to police institutions.

"This is a police specific facility and it's going to allow us to make proper use of the latest technology," he said.

"I've had contacts from right across Canada of people who want to come and take a look from other police services."

Currently, the Saskatoon Police Service's roughly 650 employees are housed between several different locations throughout the city.

On June 17, the service will start the move from its current locations around the city to its new location on 25th Street East.

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South Africa. Case of baby girls switched at birth is before the courts

A South African court has approved an investigation into a case of two baby girls mistakenly switched at birth in a hospital in 2010 and given to different mothers who are now in disagreement over how to resolve the traumatic situation.

The Centre for Child Law, a South African group that promotes children's rights, said Thursday that a court has appointed it to find out about the switch at a Boksburg hospital near Johannesburg, and to decide what would be in the children's best interests.

One of the mothers, who is single and unemployed, recently learned about the mistake while trying to get child support. She wants her biological daughter to be placed in her care, and to return the other girl to her biological mother, according to court documents. But the second mother has refused.

"We have to do a comprehensive investigation regarding the circumstances of the swap, the children's current circumstances and what would be in the children's best interests in the long terms," Carina du Toit, an attorney at the Centre for Child Law, wrote in an email to The Associated Press.

"The investigation will include extensive co-operation with psychologists and counsellors," du Toit wrote.

The centre is based in the law faculty at the University of Pretoria. On Monday, a provincial court instructed it to submit a report on the baby swap case within 90 days.

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Morgentaler: 1 year later

Protesters gather at Victoria Park on the one-year anniversary of the death of Dr. Henry Morgentaler in Halifax on Thursday, as they campaign for improved access to abortion in Canada. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

From left, Jakaya M. Kikwete, president of the United Republic of Tanzania, Queen Rania of Jordan, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Melinda Gates and Laureen Harper pose for a photograph with students after Harper pledged an additional $3.5 billion over five years towards the government's maternal, newborn and child health initiative in Toronto on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

$3.5B pledge for maternal health

New funds. PM says he plans to 'persuade and cajole' other countries to follow suit

The Conservative government pledged an additional $3.5 billion over five years toward the prime minister's maternal, newborn and child health initiative, promising to "cajole" more from other countries.

Stephen Harper announced the new funds, for 2015 to 2020, at a Toronto-area primary school Thursday.

The commitment is slightly more than the $3.25 billion that a coalition of aid groups had been requesting, and was widely lauded by development organizations and international figures attending the summit Harper is hosting this week.

The money builds on Harper's five-year, $2.8-billion commitment to his so-called Muskoka Initiative, unveiled when Canada hosted the G8 summit in 2010.

Rosemary McCarney, a veteran Canadian aid worker who is one of the leaders of a 70-member coalition of aid groups, praised Harper for "a rolling, 10-year commitment, which is very rare in our world."

"We can actually produce real results when we've got time to get systems embedded in remote and rural communities," she added.

Harper said he planned to "persuade and cajole" other governments to follow Canada's lead and pony up more funds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Criticism

Conference lacks diverse voices, prof says

Stephen Brown, a political science professor who specializes in foreign aid, was highly critical of Harper's approach, though he said the funds are going to a worthy cause.

With the government continuing to cut foreign-aid spending, this new commitment will only reduce what Canada can do in other areas, he said.

"We're focusing on symptoms and we're abandoning the underlying causes, which are poverty and inequality," Brown said, adding the government excluded from the conferences anyone who might be critical of its policies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Teenage cousins gang-raped, found hanging from tree

India. Two police officers arrested, three more suspects sought

Less than 18 months after the brutal gang rape and murder of a 23-year-old medical student in the capital triggered laws to fight sexual violence, a horrific case in a remote part of central India is again sparking nationwide outrage, but activists say nothing has changed for women.

Two teenage cousins were gang-raped on Tuesday and their bodies were found hanging from a mango tree in Katra village in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh. Villagers found them Wednesday morning, hours after they had disappeared from fields near their home, Atul Saxena, a senior police officer, told the Toronto Star.

The two girls, aged 14 and 15, had reportedly gone to the fields because there was no washroom in their home.

Saxena said the autopsy showed the girls had been raped and strangled before being hung. He said two police constables, ages 19 and 35, had been arrested and a hunt was on for three other suspects. The police constables have been suspended, he said.

On Wednesday, there was tension in the village, which is about 300 kilometres from Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. Angry villagers accused the police chief of ignoring a complaint by the girls' family on Tuesday night that the teenagers were missing.

Villagers did not let the police take down the bodies until the accused had been arrested. The chief has been suspended for not taking immediate action, said Saxena.

Following the December 2012 attack on a moving bus, there were protests, vigils and loud demands for stricter laws. The government tightened laws on sexual violence last year. But newspapers are still full of stories of sexual assault, the activists say.

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Sobering numbers

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Government statistics show a rape is committed every 22 minutes in India. Activists say this number is low because most cases are never reported — women are often pressured by their families and even the police to stay quiet about sexual assault.

Death toll rises as Ukraine fighting intensifies

A woman walks by coffins of pro-Russian gunmen killed in fighting with Ukrainian troops for control of the city's airport at a morgue in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Thursday. A rebel rocket attack brought down a military Mi-8 helicopter ferrying out troops, including a general, on the outskirts of Slovyansk, killing at least 12 people onboard.

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Two billion people overweight: Study

World health. Highest rates of obesity are in the Middle East and North Africa

Almost a third of the world is now fat, and no country has been able to curb obesity rates in the last three decades, according to a new global analysis.

Researchers found more than two billion people worldwide are now overweight or obese. The highest rates were in the Middle East and North Africa, where nearly 60 per cent of men and 65 per cent of women are heavy.

The U.S. has about 13 per cent of the world's fat population, a greater percentage than any other country. China and India combined have about 15 per cent.

"It's pretty grim," said Christopher Murray of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington, who led the study.

He and colleagues reviewed more than 1,700 studies covering 188 countries from 1980 to 2013. "When we realized that not a single country has had a significant decline in obesity, that tells you how hard a challenge this is."

Murray said there was a strong link between income and obesity; in developing countries, as people get richer, their waistlines also tend to start bulging.

In many rich countries like the U.S. and Britain, the trend is reversed — though only slightly.

Murray said scientists have noticed accompanying spikes in diabetes as obesity has risen and that rates of cancers linked to weight, like pancreatic cancer, are also rising.

The new report was paid for by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and published online Thursday in Lancet.

"Our children are getting fatter," Dr. Margaret Chan, WHO's director-general, said bluntly during a speech at the agency's annual meeting in Geneva. "Parts of the world are quite literally eating themselves to death."

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Even a few pounds helps

In Britain, the independent health watchdog issued new advice Wednesday recommending that heavy people be sent to free weight-loss classes to drop about three per cent of their weight.

- About two in three adults in the U.K. are overweight, making it the fattest country in Western Europe.

One man's pothole solution

Entrepreneur Bill Mont fills in some potholes on Canal Street in Dartmouth, N.S., Thursday. The pothole problem in Halifax is so bad, Mont is taking matters into his own hands. "I decided today ... I'm not going to beat my car up anymore.... They're deep holes." A Halifax spokesperson said the pothole problem has been particularly pernicious this year, with more than 8,700 patched since January and another 1,500 still waiting to be done. Jennifer Stewart said residents are asked not to take action like Mont. JEFF HARPER/METRO IN HALIFAX

'Concerning pattern.' Teen boys regularly view porn

A survey of thousands of young Canadian students across the country found a "concerning pattern" of teenaged boys seeking out pornography regularly, according to the non-profit organization MediaSmarts, while accounts of sexting were also commonplace.

The Ottawa-based group conducted a wide-ranging survey with 5,436 students in Grades 4 through 11 about their lives online. Forty per cent of the boys admitted to looking for porn online.

A third of the boys who admitted to viewing porn said they did so daily, another third said they did so at least once a week, and almost one in five said it was at least once a month. Only seven per cent of the girls polled said they had sought out pornography online. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ignored at work? It's worse than bullying

Ostracism hurts. Study finds feeling left out can lead to health problems — even quitting your job

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Mother always said: If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.

But that attitude may be more damaging than helpful when it comes to the workplace, according to a study from the University of B.C.

Researchers found that, while most consider ostracism less harmful than bullying, being ignored at work is significantly more likely to result in people being unhappy in their jobs, quitting and having health problems. Feeling ostracized is so detrimental to mental and emotional well-being that its effect is worse than physical bullying or verbal harassment, the researchers found.

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"We're hardwired to be pack animals."

Sandra Robinson, co-author of study

"People are hypersensitive to being ignored or excluded," said the study's co-author Sandra Robinson, a professor in the Sauder School of Business.

"We're hardwired to be pack animals. We have to belong … and most of us are really uncomfortable if we get any cues that we don't."

Using a series of surveys, the researchers found that participants consistently said they didn't think workplace ostracism was less inappropriate, less psychologically harmful or less likely to be prohibited than harassment.

While many of us are taught that ignoring someone is socially preferable to verbal confrontation, Robinson said her team's research shows that being excluded is "acutely painful" in the workplace.

Ostracism can manifest in many ways, said Robinson, from people deliberately excluding co-workers from important meetings to "forgetting" to copy them on emails and giving them the silent treatment.

Since ostracism is less visible than physical or verbal harassment, however, it makes it more difficult to detect and address, said Robinson.

As many workplaces and schools are working to counter bullying and harassment, Robinson said, the study's findings highlight the need to also view ostracism as a form of bullying and include it in company harassment policies.

Guess who's not pregnant...

Prince William and Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge — who are known as the Earl and Countess of Strathearn north of the English border — sample some whiskey during a tour of the Famous Grouse Distillery in Crieff, Scotland, Thursday. ANDREW MILLIGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Accused could pay deerly

Body-shop owner a Bambi-boozler?

Forty-one people in Philadelphia are facing charges in what prosecutors call an elaborate insurance-fraud scheme that used dead deer to fake car accidents.

Ronald Galati Sr. is accused of running a $5-million US scam out of his auto-body shop.

District Attorney Seth Williams said Wednesday that Galati coached customers to claim they'd struck a deer rather than a car.

That way, insurance companies would consider them "no fault" accidents and pay the claims without raising the customers' premiums.

Investigators say Galati stored deer carcasses, blood and fur in the back of his shop to use as props.

Also charged are Galati's wife, son and daughter, several insurance adjusters, tow truck drivers, a city official and a police officer.

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It's like night and day – try both

The building at 259 2nd Ave. S. has a split personality: From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., the space operates as Poached Breakfast Bistro, decorated with white linen and flowers. Then, from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., the same space transforms into Flint Bistro Saloon, a dimly lit, intimate lounge.

Poached is known for its breakfast plate with maple and pecan bacon roll-ups and potato croquettes, and the eggs Benedict with back bacon, Gruyere cheese, and herb hollandaise. The new menu keeps the favourites, but adds a Spicy Peppernata and Chorizo Omlette, Lemon Pan Crepes stuffed with stewed rhubarb and strawberries, and Savory French Toast with a mushroom and asparagus sauté, topped with melted provolone. No reservations, but the restaurant does have a wait list and will call when a table opens.

Flint is known for its creative concoctions, specializing in signature cocktails and martinis. During the summer, patrons flock to Flint for its mason jar drinks, packing a punch against the heat. The charcuterie is inspired with locally-sourced items, including an artisan baguette, mustard bean pickles, Saskatoon berry chutney, tasty cheeses, hunter's sausage, and smoked duck, bison, and salmon. Unlike its daytime twin, Flint does take reservations.

Separate entities that share the same address, Poached and Flint each have a different experience on offer, so you must try both.

Bagel French toast from Poached.
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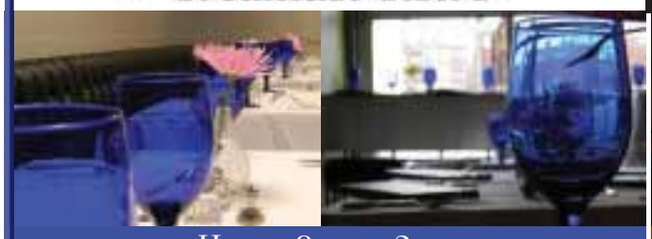

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Dre's style the apple of tech companies' eye

Biting into Beats. Gadget giants look to Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine on getting to core of what makes wearables functional *and* fashionable

Beats Electronics' colourful, oversized headphones serve as a fashion accessory to cool kids riding the New York City subway, but as tech companies such as Apple, Samsung and others are discovering, wearable gadgets like smartwatches and Google Glass still have a long way to go to become trendy, must-have consumer items.

Apple's $3-billion US purchase of Beats Electronics, by far the company's largest acquisition, is at least in part recognition that Beats founders Dr. Dre and Jimmy Iovine might be able to help Apple incorporate more style and flair into its premium technology gadgets, especially a coming wave of wearable devices.

Technology companies see wearables as an important area of growth beyond smartphones and tablets, and many are slowly realizing that if they expect people to wear gadgets — be they bracelets to monitor fitness activity, smartwatches to substitute smartphones or Internet-connected goggles — those devices must focus as much on form as function. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canadian clothier goes global

A shopper rides an escalator to Joe Fresh in the former Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto on Thursday. The Canadian clothing brand is betting that affordable fashion is a concept that knows no borders as it opens a location in South Korea this weekend — its first store outside North America. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-prime minister

Brian Mulroney set to be named Quebecor chair

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney is set to become chairman of media and telecom company Quebecor in a show of stability following the recent departure of its chief executive and the launch of the controlling shareholder's political career as an avowed separatist. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Largest company yet

Dish Network to accept bitcoin

Dish Network Corp. says it will become the largest company yet to accept payment in bitcoin.

The satellite TV company says it will begin accepting the digital coins through payment processor Coinbase by September. Coinbase will instantly convert the bitcoins into cash, eliminating the risk of price fluctuations to Dish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fighting cancer

U.S. warns minors against tanning beds

Tanning beds and sun lamps in the U.S. will carry new warnings that they should not be used by anyone under age 18, part of a government action announced Thursday aimed at reducing rising rates of skin cancer linked to the radiation-emitting devices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Should they Google 'diversity'?

Google has had more trouble diversifying its workforce than its computer scientists have had writing programs that respond to search requests in the blink of an eye or designing cars that can navigate traffic without a human behind the wheel.

That seemed to be the conclusion when the Silicon Valley giant this week issued a gender and ethnic breakdown of its workforce that showed that of its 26,600 U.S. employees, 61 per cent are white, 30 per cent Asian, 3 per cent Hispanic and 2 per cent black. Thirty per cent of its employees are women.

"Google is miles from where we want to be," said Laszlo Bock, head of personnel at Google.

Why is one of the most innovative, dynamic sectors of the U.S. economy looking like the corporate world of the past, at least when it comes to blacks, Hispanics and women?

The biggest factor is a shortage of such students majoring in computer science or other technical fields in college, according to Bock.

"There is an absolute pipeline problem," he said in an interview Wednesday with PBS Newshour.

One year, Google says, there were just two black people in the U.S. with newly minted doctorates in computer science on the job market. The company hired one of them, and Microsoft hired the other, according to Bock. But the educational choices of some minorities don't entirely account for the lack of diversity at technology companies.

For instance, Google sells $50 billion in advertising annually, a task that required more than 2,900 salespeople in the U.S. as of last August. Just 79 of them, or 3 per cent, were black. A total of 127, or 4 per cent, were Hispanic. More than 2,000, or about 70 per cent, were white.

Google attributes this phenomenon to "unconscious biases" that have historically favoured white people. "We like people who are like us, who watch the same shows, who like the same food, who have the same backgrounds," Bock told PBS. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooler heads prevailed. Sriracha hot sauce factory no longer public nuisance

The fiery fight is apparently over between the makers of a popular hot sauce and a small Southern California city that said its factory's smells were unbearable.

The Irwindale City Council voted Wednesday night to drop a public nuisance declaration and lawsuit against Huy Fong Foods, makers of Sriracha hot sauce.

The dual moves brought an effective end to the spicy-air dispute that had Sriracha devotees worried about future sauce shortages and had suitors including the state of Texas offering Huy Fong a friendlier home.

The vote was unanimous with one councilman abstaining due to a conflict of interest, the San Gabriel Valley Tribune reported.

Residents and business leaders praised the vote that some called overdue.

Bob Machuca of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp. said the resolution showed California is "open for business" and is "what we needed to do a long time ago." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHASTE BANK OF AMERICA

THE METRO LIST

Mike Benhaim
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1 Casting stones. This week's most illuminating tale is that of the saintly paragons of morality at Chaste Bank of America. Pardon me. CHASE Bank. I never get that right. Anyway, the virtuous crusaders have put their feet piously down on holy ground and courageously shut down the personal bank accounts of adult entertainers. Bravo to this bastion of righteousness for standing high above the rest. Management has yet to officially outline the crackdown criteria, but there's probably nothing to worry about unless you've ever done anything that anyone you've never met thinks is wrong.

2 High aspirations. Former B.C. premier Mike Harcourt is turning over a new leaf. And rolling it into a joint. As chair of the new medical marijuana company True Leaf Medicine Inc., Harcourt believes he can help people cope with pain. The enterprise has applied for a grow licence and will research different strains of cannabis to address various conditions. Despite the tour de force, this politician will still not admit to ever having inhaled himself.

3 Kim Kan. Kan Kanye? Kim Kardashian and Kanye West legitimized their blessed union in lavish fashion last weekend. Kim looked resplendent in her Givenchy dress, which defied critique but for the purity of its white. Ceremony and reception were held in two separate European countries, reminiscent of my own wedding, which took place in two separate rooms, but, hey, that's just how I roll. Mazel tov, Kimye.

4 The defence rests. The Indiana Pacers live to fight another day after holding LeBron James to just seven points in Game 5 of the NBA Eastern Conference finals. But the top trending subject in basketball is still #DonaldSterling.

5 Unnatural causes? Word of the week is #TechNeck, which happens when we spend too much time looking down at smartphones. Elle magazine blew the lid off this scientific scoop, warning of dire consequences like wrinkles, double chins and loose skin. Unless, of course, you already have these things, in which case, text away.

6 22? Me too! Census Bureau Information revealed that for the first time since 1947, baby boomers are not the majority generation. Apparently, there are now more 22-year-olds than any other age, which explains a lot, but also makes me really wonder, "What the hell was I doing in 1992?"

7 Out of the Blue. Memorial Day turned musical with the renaming of a New York street in honour of jazz legend Miles Davis. On what would have been the trumpet maven's 88th birthday, a stretch of the Upper West Side newly entitled Miles Davis Way further immortalized the bebop bandleader, and forever became a destination for transcendental grooviness. Can you dig it?

8 Travelling Shoes. America mourns the loss of a poet, author and civil-rights activist in the incomparable Maya Angelou. She was 86 and bequeathed her repertoire of words to the world. I leave you with Angelou's line in Tyler Perry's Madea's Family Reunion: "Love is many things. It's varied. One thing it is not, and can never be, is unsure." #RIP

ZOOM

Saving grace in Cracolandia

A woman, left, stands as she sings with members of the Paz e Vida church as other drug users gather in a Cracolandia in a northern slum of Rio de Janeiro. FELIPE DANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Preachers minister to addicts in Brazil's 'cracklands'

Dressed immaculately, the evangelical preachers head out to work when night falls. They journey through the gloom into the "cracklands" where addicts consume crack cocaine in open-air dens.

After midnight, hundreds of grime-covered addicts lie on the sidewalks of the Jacarezinho slum. They focus on little more than the next fix, on finding a lighter to put flame to pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What the tourists in Rio won't see

This horror scene, well hidden from the eyes of tourists heading to Rio for the World Cup,is one some of the preachers know well.

Not long ago, many were addicts themselves. Now they're here to preach the Gospels. They talk of God to those who will listen, hoping to find converts, to rescue souls from the crack epidemic that's swept Brazil in recent years. Pastor Celio Ricardo says he has had hit-and-miss success in persuading users to at least try quitting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Feeding body before soul

"At first they need to rest because this drug leaves them hallucinated.... They lose hunger, they lose the will to live. They want to drug themselves to death, and here we try to reverse that situation."

Pastor Celio Ricardo,
who says the first challenge is taking care of the physical needs of addicts — only then can they go on to tackle spiritual issues.

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Part man, part owl, all viral terror

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The Lord of Tears is a 2013 Scottish horror film starring Owl Man, an avian take on Slender Man, with a distinct interest in a schoolteacher.

So what do people tasked with promoting a movie armed with a ghastly villain do? They take it viral, of course, beginning with spooking bored browsers on Chatroulette. That's cool, I guess.

However, lurking in the shadows is England's abandoned St. Mary's Children's Hospital to terrorize amateur photographers?

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That's terrific stuff. Or fake stuff, perhaps. Note: Obviously, there's some salty language involved. (LordofTearsMovie/YouTube)

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See that symbol? It means you can scan the photo with your Metro News app and watch Charlize Theron teach Seth MacFarlane how to shoot a gun.

Death by a million tired gags

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Jokes not as wild as the West in MacFarlane's latest film. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Set in Arizona's wild west, MacFarlane is Albert, a mild-mannered sheep farmer who hates the frontier. "It's a disgusting dirty place," he says, "a cesspool of despair." The despair of his day-to-day life is compounded when his girlfriend, Louise (Amanda Seyfried), dumps him and takes up with a wealthy owner of a moustache grooming shop (Neil Patrick Harris). He finds love again with a mysterious stranger Anna (Charlize Theron), who helps him cope with dangerous frontier life and grow a backbone. His newfound courage is tested when Anna's husband, outlaw Clinch (Liam Neeson) rides into town. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- **Richard:** ●●●○○
- **Steve:** ●●○○○

Not quite cringeworthy.

MacFarlane disappoints with mostly safe jokes

Richard: Steve, I laughed at A Million Ways to Die in the West, but strangely enough, I was hoping to be more offended by it. Each week on his show Family Guy, Seth MacFarlane manages at least one joke that makes me cringe. I expected him to push the envelope even further for the big screen. Sure there are some wild and crazy jokes here, but they're at the level of Judd Apatow, not MacFarlane. Was it outrageous enough for you?

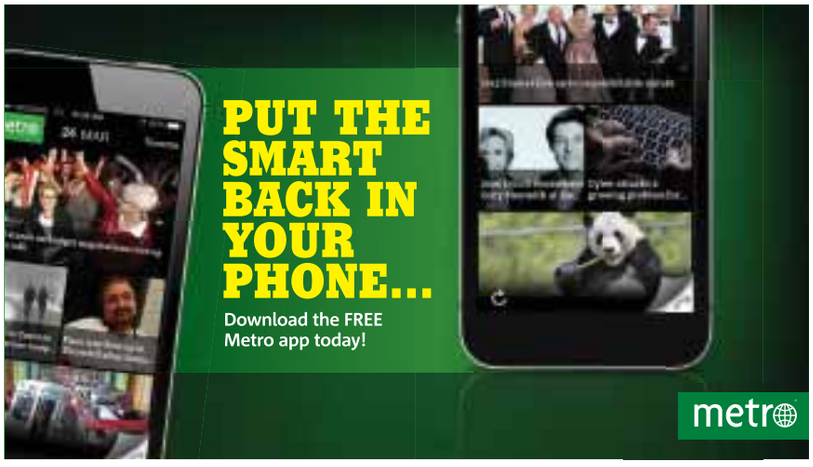
Steve: It is outrageous, but the brazenness in MacFarlane's big-screen sophomore effort is buried beneath more juvenile gags involving bodily gases than the off-kilter comedy his show or Ted succeeds with. Perhaps by covering off all areas of writing, directing and then hiring himself as the lead, MacFarlane suffers from an inability to self-edit. Speaking of, what do you think of MacFarlane as leading man?

RC: I do find him funny, but I can't help but hear Peter Griffin in his voice and I find that distracting. His part is basically one joke. He's the fish out of water who speaks like a 21st century smart aleck. For instance, as people around him are killed in increasingly wild ways — hence the movie's title — he observes, "We should all just wear coffins for clothes." It's a good line, but his overall performance is more Bob Hope than John Wayne.

SG: It's true but, in this, MacFarlane seems to think his gags are more brilliant than they actually are — as if audiences haven't seen an explosive diarrhea gag before. That said, when he pushes social mores, he goes for the jugular focusing most notably on historic racism. It comes off for some uneven narrative. It's a good thing he surrounds himself with a solid supporting cast.

RC: Comparisons to Blazing Saddles are inevitable. Both movies have social commentary mixed with cringeworthy gags — some may literally make you gag — but A Million Ways to Die in the West doesn't have the satiric subtext that made Mel Brooks' movie great. MacFarlane relies on anachronisms and shock-value jokes to raise a smile, and spends too much time on the love story. Brooks went for the jugular, and 40 years on it's still funny and edgy. A Million Ways to Die does have at least one classic moment that will appeal to everyone over age 30 and the most undignified duel ever, but it doesn't have much resonance.

SG: It doesn't have much heart, either. Although Charlize Theron does a stalwart job playing the romantic interest against MacFarlane's spineless pessimist, the filmmaker's ceaseless determination for punchlines only undermines the film's attempt at circling back to an earnest love story. In that respect, it lies as lifeless as the film's many, many corpses. And that includes the western town's unnoticed, three-day dead mayor.



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Sci-Fi & Fantasy

Maleficent

Director. Robert Stromberg

Stars. Angelina Jolie

Maleficent explores the untold story of Disney's most iconic villain from the classic Sleeping Beauty and the elements of her betrayal that ultimately turn her pure heart to stone. Driven by revenge and a fierce desire to protect the moors over which she presides, Maleficent cruelly places an irrevocable curse upon the human king's newborn infant Aurora. As the child grows, Aurora is caught in the middle of a seething conflict.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 52% **Audience:** + 98%

Drama/Comedy

Million Dollar Arm

Director. Craig Gillespie

Stars. Jon Hamm, Suraj Sharma

Million Dollar Arm follows J.B. Bernstein, a once-successful sports agent who now finds himself edged out by bigger, slicker competitors. He and his partner Aash (Aasif Mandvi) will have to close their business if J.B. doesn't come up with something fast. Late one night, while watching cricket being played in India on TV, he comes up with an idea so radical, it just might work. Why not go there and find the next baseball pitching sensation?

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 64% **Audience:** + 92%

Comedy

The Grand Seduction

Director. Don McKellar

Stars. Brendan Gleeson, Gordon Pinsent

A small fishing village must procure a local doctor to secure a lucrative business contract. When unlikely candidate and big city doctor Paul Lewis lands in their lap for a trial residence, the townsfolk rally together to charm him into staying. As the doctor's time in the village winds to a close, acting mayor Murray French has no choice but to pull out all the stops.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 56% **Audience:** + 71%

Drama

Filth

Director. Jon S. Baird

Stars. James McAvoy, Jamie Bell

Scheming Bruce Robertson, a bigoted and corrupt policeman, is in line for a promotion and will stop at nothing to get what he wants. Enlisted to solve a brutal murder and threatened by the aspirations of his colleagues, including Ray Lennox, Bruce sets about ensuring their ruin, right under the nose of unwitting Chief Inspector Toal.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 71% **Audience:** + 90%

Comedy

Blended

Director. Frank Coraci

Stars. Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

After a disastrous blind date, single parents Lauren and Jim agree on only one thing: They never want to see each other again. But when they each sign up separately for a fabulous family vacation with their kids, they are all stuck sharing a suite at a luxurious African safari resort for a week in Blended, the third comedy collaboration between stars Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 11% **Audience:** + 87%

Sci-Fi

Under the Skin

Director. Jonathan Glazer

Stars. Scarlett Johansson, Paul Brannigan

Scarlett Johansson plays an alien in human form who is on a journey through Scotland.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** 63%

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715 Broadway Ave.

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Mistaken for Strangers (STC) Sat-Sun 9 Mon 7 Tue 9 Wed 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Thu

Cineplex Odeon Centre
3510 8th St. East

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG) Fri 3:40-6:50-10 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-10 Mon-Tue 5:25-8:35 Wed 1:40-5:25-8:35 Thu 5:25-8:35
Godzilla (PG) Fri 3:50 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:50 Wed 1:55
Godzilla 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 6:55-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:55-8:40
Maleficent 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 5:10-7:40-10:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:35-5:10-7:40-10:15 No Passes Mon-Tue 5:45-8:10 No Passes Wed 2:10-5:45-8:10 No Passes Thu 5:45-8:10
Million Dollar Arm (G) Fri 3:55-7-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:55-7-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30
Neighbors (18A) Fri 5:35-7:55-10:20 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:15-5:35-7:55-10:20 Mon-Tue 5:35-7:55 Wed 2:20-5:35-7:55 Thu 5:35-7:55
The Other Woman (PG) Fri 5:20-7:50-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:45-5:20-7:50-10:30 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1:30
X-Men: Days of Future Past 3D (PG) No Passes Fri 4-7:10-10:05 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:05-4-7:10-10:05 No Passes Mon-Tue 5:20-8:20 No Passes Wed 1:45-5:20-8:20 No Passes Thu 5:20-8:20

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347 2nd Ave. South

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (PG) Fri-Sat 4 Sun 12:40
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Driving Miss Daisy: The Play (STC) Wed 7
Edge of Tomorrow 3D (PG) No Passes Thu 10:05
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A Million Ways to Die in the West (14A) No Passes Fri 4:20-5:15-7-8-9:45-10:45 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:45-1:30-2:30-4:20-5:15-7-8-9:45-10:45 No Passes Mon 7:05-7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Tue 5-7:05-7:45-9:45-10:30 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:05-7:45-9:45-10:30
National Theatre: King Lear - Encore (STC) Sat 12:55
Neighbors (18A) Fri 5:35-8:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:05-5:35-8:05-10:35 Mon 7:55-10:25 Tue 5:35-7:55-10:25 Wed-Thu 7:55-10:25
The Night Before Our Stars (STC) No Passes Thu 6:30
WWE Payback (STC) Sun 6
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Roxy Theatre
320 20th St West

Filth (18A) Fri-Thu 9:30
The Grand Budapest Hotel (14A) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 3:20-9:20 Mon-Tue 9:20 Thu 9:20
PSSD Student Film Festival (STC) Wed 7
The Railway Man (14A) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1-6:50 Mon-Tue 6:50 Thu 6:50
Trainspotting (STC) Sat 11:30
Under the Skin (14A) Fri 7 Sat-Sun 3:30-7 Mon-Thu 7

Rainbow Cinemas Saskatoon
The Centre at Circle & 8th

Bears (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7:15-9:20
Divergent (PG) Fri-Wed 1-3:55-6:50-9:45 Thu 3:55-6:50-9:45 Thu 1
Heaven Is for Real (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:30
Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-7:20
The LEGO Movie (G) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:35
Moms' Night Out (PG) Fri-Wed 1:20-4:35-7:30-9:50 Thu 1:20-4:35-9:50
Muppets Most Wanted (G) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7-9:40
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While we here in Canada may see barbecuing as a seasonal kind of thing, those countries lucky enough to have a more forgiving climate consider the grill their primary cooking surface.

In South Africa the barbecue is so highly revered, the population voted to add braai (the Afrikaans word for it) to the name of their national holiday. Argentineans are no slouches when it comes to al fresco meal creation, either, calling both their grilling artistry, and the party that follows, asado. With barbecue the national dish in Argentina, the country's wines, especially those made from the malbec grape, show a slant towards a harmonious union with red meats.

Though malbec traces its roots back to the southwest of France, it's Argentina that's really run with the berry. Showing a balance of the grape's black fruit with pepper spice and bright acidity, Trapiche's 2011 Broquel Malbec ($14.95 - $17.99) makes a fine grilled meat mate, especially if you have a heavy hand when it comes to barbecue sauce.

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Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us a veg-filled phyllo dough recipe that will satisfy even the most staunch meat lovers from her book The Free Range Cook

Clash of the textures: Silver Beet, Feta and Pine Nut Roll

THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
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1. Preheat oven to 180 C. Trim half of the white stalks from the silver beet and discard them. Wash, dry and chop the leaves and the rest of the stalks.

2. Heat the butter in a medium pot and cook the onion over a low heat until it is soft but not browned — about 5 minutes. Add silver beet and cook until the water from the leaves evaporates, leaving the pan dry. Removing the moisture from the silver beet in this way helps to stop the pie going soggy.

3. Remove the pot from the heat and mix in the ricotta, feta, Parmesan, coriander, nutmeg, lemon zest and pine nuts. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Stir in the egg.

4. Place a sheet of phyllo pastry on the bench. Brush it with melted butter or spray it liberally with oil. Place a second sheet on top and brush it with butter or spray it with oil. Repeat to form a stack of 8 pastry sheets. The phyllo dries out quickly so you will need to work fast. Cover the unused phyllo with a damp tea towel while you work.

5. Form the silver beet mixture into a sausage shape along the longest edge of the pastry, leaving a 3-cm border at the sides.

6. Turn in the sides of the pastry like an envelope and roll it up gently and loosely to fully enclose the filling, forming a log shape. If you roll it too tight it will split. Transfer the log to a baking tray, brush the top with butter and bake until it is golden and crisp — about 40 minutes.

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Ingredients

- 250 g silverbeet or spinach
- 2 tbsp butter
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- 1 cup ricotta
- 3/4 cup feta, crumbled
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan
- 1/4 cup chopped coriander
- 1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
- finely grated zest of 1/2 lemon
- 1/3 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 1/2 tsp salt
- ground black pepper
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 8 sheets phyllo pastry
- melted butter or oil spray

This recipe serves six. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

This recipe makes about 30 pakoras. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

Veg Pakoras: finger food 2.0

1. Combine flour with cumin, coriander seeds, fennel seeds, curry powder and beer to form a smooth batter. Mix in the chopped fresh coriander, salt and pepper, baking soda, if using, and vegetables. Allow to stand for 5 minutes.

2. Heat 3-4 cm of oil in a deep fry pan and fry small spoonfuls of the pakora mixture in batches of 3-5 at a time for about 3 minutes, until golden and cooked through.

3. Remove the pakoras from the oil with a slotted spoon. Shake off any excess oil and place them on paper towels to drain. Serve at once. Pakoras can be prepared ahead and reheated in a 200 C oven for 5 minutes before serving.

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Ingredients

- 2 cups chickpea or pea flour
- 2 tsp ground cumin
- 2 tsp coriander seeds
- 1 tsp fennel seeds, roughly ground or chopped
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 2 cups beer
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh coriander
- 1 1/2 tsp salt
- ground black pepper
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 3 packed cups finely chopped or grated carrot, broccoli, peas, pumpkin, kohlrabi or other vegetables

To fry

- grapeseed, rice bran or other neutral oil

CBA expires

CFL, CFLPA reject each other's offers, no new talks on tap

CFL training camps will open as scheduled Sunday despite another breakdown in contract talks between the league and its players.

Negotiations ended Thursday afternoon after the CFL rejected the union's latest proposal, one that included an amendment to its original demand revenue sharing be included in this deal. The players conceded revenue sharing in the current agreement, which was signed prior to the 2010 season.

The CFLPA's proposal came in response to one tabled Wednesday night by the CFL, which commissioner Mark Cohon called its "best and final offer."

The current collective bargaining agreement expired as the clock struck midnight ET on Friday. And while new CFLPA president Scott Flory has maintained the union won't play under terms of the present contract, veteran players will report to their respective teams Sunday for the opening of training camp.

"We absolutely want the players to report," Cohon said. "It will be the union's decision to strike. We hope they don't.

"We've put our best offer forward; we hope they vote on that best offer."

No new talks have been scheduled.

Although the players will report Sunday, the question remains for how long. The union has sent its members strike ballots and would be in a position to launch a work stoppage prior to the start of the regular season June 26.

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Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist blocks a shot by the Canadiens' Thomas Vanek on Thursday night in New York. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lundqvist, Rangers deny Habs in Game 6

NHL playoffs.
New York advances to Stanley Cup final after eliminating Montreal

Game 6

1	0
Rangers	Canadiens

Dominic Moore scored late in the second period and Henrik Lundqvist made 18 saves as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens 1-0 on Thursday to reach the Stanley Cup final for the first time in 20 years.

New York, which won the first two games in Montreal, won the Eastern Conference final 4-2.

The Rangers' last appearance in the final was 1994 when they defeated the Vancouver Canucks in seven games for their first title in 54 years. The Canadiens have not appeared in the final since 1993 when they dispatched the Los Angeles Kings in five games.

New York will face either defending champion Chicago or the Los Angeles Kings, both formidable foes, as the final kicks off Wednesday in the West.

Rangers coach Alain Vigneault showed faith in his fourth line, starting the game with Moore, Brian Boyle and Derek Dorsett. They repaid him with the key goal on a night that saw the Rangers play with more urgency than the Canadiens before an amped crowd at Madison Square Garden.

New York outshot Montreal 32-18.

While the Canadiens missed passes and made bad decisions, the workmanlike Rangers did the little things right. Their finishing could have been better but didn't need to be given Montreal's sputtering offence.

And Lundqvist, who was pulled in the second period of Game 5 after giving up four goals on 19 shots, returned to world-class form when he needed to.

Montreal goalie Dustin Tokarski was busier than Lundqvist but the Swede was spectacular in the second period when he made an amazing circus-like save with his arm and then blocker off Thomas Vanek.

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4 SPORTS

Edwin Encarnacion sets out on his second home-run trot of the night during the Jays' 8-6 extra-innings loss to the Royals on Thursday night in Toronto. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

Win streak slips through Jays' fingers

MLB. Royals claw back on final out to end Toronto's red-hot stretch

Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion hit a pair of two-run homers but a late throwing error by shortstop Jose Reyes proved costly as Kansas City came back for an 8-6 win Thursday to end the Blue Jays' winning streak at nine games.

Reyes could have ended the game in the ninth inning with a clean throw to first base on a grounder, but the ball hit the dirt and Alex Gordon came around from second base to tie it.

Omar Infante drove in a pair of runs off Toronto reliever Todd Redmond (0-4) in the 10th inning as Kansas City (25-28) ended its four-game losing skid.

Encarnacion, owns the club record for most homers in a month with 16.

The American League East-leading Blue Jays fell to 32-23 with the loss. Reliever Wade Davis (4-1) worked two innings for the win.

Jose Bautista gave Toronto an early lead with a two-run shot off Tampa Bay starter James Shields. His 13th homer of the season barely cleared the wall in left field.

The Royals halved the lead in the second when Blue Jays knuckleballer R.A. Dickey gave up a solo shot to Salvador Perez.

Kansas City pulled even after a pair of doubles in the fourth inning. Eric Hosmer opened the frame with a two-base hit and scored when Gordon hit a ground-rule double.

In the bottom half of the frame, Adam Lind hit a one-out single and scored when Encarnacion smacked his 17th homer of the season into the second deck.

The Royals started to unload on Dickey in the fifth inning. Alcides Escobar singled to lead off the frame and scored on a Pedro Ciriaco double that hit off the top of the wall in centre field.

Nori Aoki reached on a bunt and Infante singled to push Ciriaco across with the tying run. Billy Butler drove in Aoki with an RBI single before Perez flew out to end it.

On Thursday

8	6
Royal	Blue Jays

Kansas City kept coming in the sixth with Lorenzo Cain doubling to lead off the frame. Escobar reached on a bunt to put runners on the corners.

That was it for Dickey, who allowed 10 hits, five earned runs and a walk while striking out seven. Reliever Steve Delabar came on and loaded the bases after hitting Aoki with a pitch.

Delabar got out of the jam when Infante lined out to Reyes, who threw it to second base to double off Escobar.

Encarnacion belted his second homer of the night into virtually the same spot as his first blast. The crowd gave him a standing ovation and he came out of the dugout to tip his hat for the fans.

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NBA

Ex-Microsoft CEO Ballmer reaches deal to buy Clippers: Source

Shelly Sterling reached an agreement Thursday night to sell the Los Angeles Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for $2 billion in what would be a record deal if approved by the NBA, according to an individual with knowledge of the negotiations.

The individual, who wasn't authorized to speak publicly, told The Associated Press that Ballmer and the Sterling Family Trust now have a binding agreement. Donald Sterling must also OK the final agreement. His attorney, Bobby Samini, says that won't happen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA playoffs. Spurs go up in lopsided yet close series

Tim Duncan had 22 points and 12 rebounds, Manu Ginobili scored 19 points and the San Antonio Spurs rolled to a 117-89 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference final.

Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green each had 14 points, Boris Diaw added 13 and Tony Parker scored 12 for the Spurs, who are a win away from returning to the NBA Finals after losing in seven games to Miami last year.

Kevin Durant scored 25 points, but Russell Westbrook had only 21 points and seven assists after finishing with 40 points and 10 assists in Game 4.

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Spurs forward Tim Duncan blocks Thunder forward Serge Ibaka in Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference final on Thursday in San Antonio. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Relationships seem to be taking on a more aggressive edge, due to the presence of Mars in your opposite sign. Keep reminding yourself that life is not a battle and that people are not the enemy. Compromise is best.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You are advised not to make too many plans. If someone asks you to take on extra responsibilities, turn them down flat. Your health could be at risk if you push too hard.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The tempo of life has picked up and it will pick up more today and over the weekend. Can you stand the pace? Of course you can. You think and act twice as fast as most other people.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone will try to compel you to do things you don't want to do today. It may be that for now you have no choice but to do what they say but start looking around for ways you can get out from under their thumb.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You seem to be endowed with almost limitless energy at the moment and are getting so much done that it's unlikely you will let up soon. Remember though that it is quality work that counts, not quantity.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You've built up momentum in recent weeks and you will be moving onward and upward for some time yet. Having said that, you know you cannot keep up this pace forever.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Mars in your sign makes life more exciting. Wherever you go and whatever you do today, you must seize the initiative and make sure the world knows you are a force to be reckoned with.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You don't have to be the life of the party and with Saturn in your sign it's unlikely you will win any prizes for popularity. But do you care? Of course not!

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
By all means stand up for what you believe but don't turn it into a war. Just because some disagree with you does not mean you have to beat them into submission.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If someone in a position of power says or does something that you disagree with today you would be wise not to let it show. According to the planets, you are not yet strong enough to confront them directly.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With the Sun and Mars well placed in your chart, you can easily find ways to get past other people's defenses. You can be subtle about it but more likely you prefer to blast your way through. It's more fun.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
There is a lot of gossip at the moment and it could damage your credibility. You must speak up and let others know that what is being said about you is not remotely true. You're just not that bad. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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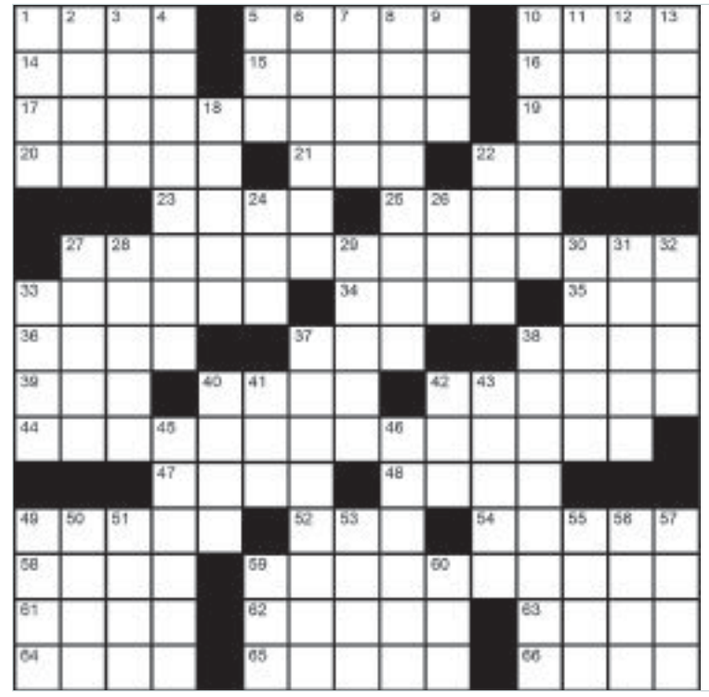


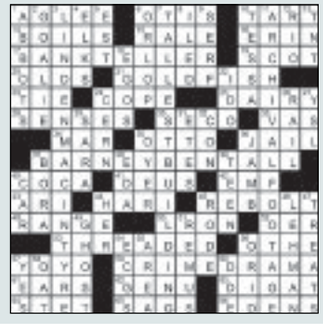
Across

1. Monsieur Le Pew
5. Loudly sleep
10. Bobby Darin's "__ the Knife"
14. Oil of __
15. Mr. Thompson of "Saturday Night Live"
16. Reign
17. Angelina Jolie's new Disney movie
19. Eminem tune
20. __ album
21. Dress
22. Temperaments
23. Ms. Bombeck
25. $1000, commonly
27. Saskatchewan's provincial flower: 3 wds.
33. Michael C. Hall title role
34. River of England
35. My own, in Latin
36. River islets
37. Deception
38. Bird's 'snout'
39. Business boss, briefly
40. Songstress Tori
42. Abrasion
44. Jean Coutu and London Drugs: 2 wds.
47. "Star Trek" episode, __ Time
48. Music's *N__
49. Comedian Mr. Marx
52. Ad __ committee
54. Small boat
58. Sacred Buddhist peak
59. Scenic attraction in Nova Scotia: 2 wds.
61. "Oh, ___ careful!" (Play it safe)
62. FOX News host Ms. Van Susteren
63. Noun-creating suffix
64. Outlying
65. "__ __ be expected..." (No big surprises)
66. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" role, Lieutenant Commander __

Down

1. Ceremonial magnificence
2. Valley where David slew Goliath
3. Texas: __ Duro Canyon
4. Optometrists administer them: 2 wds.
5. Jet __
6. Fruit juice
7. Count Basie's "__ _'Clock Jump"
8. Made sense: 2 wds.
9. 'Persist' suffix
10. Neil Young penned tune that goes "...when the messenger brought me a letter.": 2 wds.
11. CAW = Canadian __ Workers
12. Clothed
13. Mattel dolls
18. Strong suit
22. Way
24. Madonna's "__ Girl"
26. Fellows
27. Consider
28. Surplus
29. Clamorous
30. "_ __ business!"
31. Jumps
32. Pilot's 'steering wheel'
33. Not wet/not dry
37. London, ON born actor Gene (b.1891 - d.1957) who is the father of actress June
38. Mason's favourite hue, perhaps: 2 wds.
40. Mil. stockpile
41. __ jacket
42. Bashful
43. Able, archaically
45. Zorro's 'Z'-marking prop
46. Actor, George _. __
49. Daytime TV host Ms. Kotb
50. "I __ __ the opinion that..."
51. Country's Ms. McEntire
53. UK awards since 1917
55. 'Collection'-meaning suffix
56. Book genre, briefly
57. One-named bassist
59. Movie special effects, commonly
60. Spiriual 'way'

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

4	8	3	6	9	5	2	1	7
7	2	6	3	8	1	4	9	5
5	1	9	7	2	4	6	3	8
3	9	1	4	6	8	7	5	2
2	6	5	1	7	3	9	8	4
8	7	4	9	5	2	3	6	1
9	3	2	5	1	7	8	4	6
1	4	7	8	3	6	5	2	9
6	5	8	2	4	9	1	7	3

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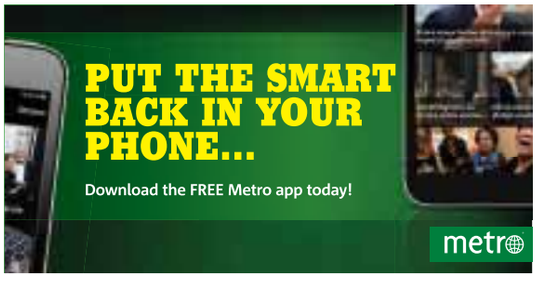

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